
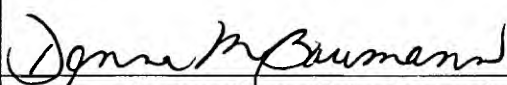
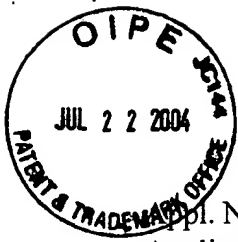


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>P-4498P2</b>	
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Invention: <b>INTRADERMAL NEEDLE</b>					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**RESPONSE TO APRIL 20, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants submit this response to an Office Action mailed on April 20, 2004 (the "Office Action"). A response to the Office Action is due no later than July 20, 2004. Thus, this response is being timely filed.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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